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## What Shall We Do With It?

The startling discovery has been made that the revised statutes of the United States take off an entire degree of Colorado's territory and attach the to New Mexico.

In other words, the Northern boundary of New Mexico and the southern boundary of Colorado, according to the official description in the new statutes, overlap an entire degree of latitude.

The boundary between the commonwealths has always been given as the 37th degree and has never been disputed. Now New Mexico's northern line is described as running along the 38th parallel.

According to the latest statutes on the subject, a strip of Colorado 60 miles from north to south and 40 miles from east to west, belongs to New Mexico.

The counties lying wholly south of the 38th degree are La Plata, Dolores, San Juan, Montezuma, Mineral, Archuleta, Conejos, Costilla, Huerfano, Los Animas and Baca, while the counties which the line divides are San Miguel, Ouray, Hindale, Saguache, Custer, Pueblo, Otero, Bent and Prowers. If the writer gets to a point where the discrepancy between the statutes and the old survey is taken into the account, all of this immense area of what was supposed to be a part of Colorado, will be a veritable "No Man's Land" until the dispute is settled.

The 38th parallel of North latitude passes through the state in a line a few miles north of La Junta and Colville and a few miles south of Lake City and Ouray. If the revised statutes are to be believed a dozen important counties, in which are included portions of the fertile Arkansas valley, almost the entire San Luis valley, the rich mining region of the San Juan, and other districts of equal importance are all in New Mexico.

Big England and Germany have jumped on to little Venezuela and propose to beat the stuffing out of her if she does not pay up, but your Uncle George Dewey is down there and he may have something to do himself, if the big powers go too far.

## Field and Farm Pointers for Farmers.

In making sows—go I have known good women who could guess correctly the proportion of seasoning required, yet it is safer and better to weigh the meat first and put about one pound of salt, three ounces of pepper and half a pint of pulverized sage to forty pounds.

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting the home of an old friend who has finally come up to my view of the ideal farmer's home. His has a spacious dwelling and other buildings. His back yard is as fine as his front lawn and either would vie with any city lawn. He has a place for everything and every thing in its place, the water system is just right and he is used to enjoy life. I can see no reason why others, more opulent than he, can not enjoy the same thing. They could if they would. One of his neighbors told me he was putting on too much style for a farmer and I told him he was doing the very thing he ought to do.

Some farmers are in the habit of hauling manure into the field and piling it up in heaps to await distribution when there is time to attend to it. This is a deplorable practice, as there is some valuable matter constantly forming which is leached through into the soil underneath. The consequence is that four or five feet under and around the heap the land is rich to surfeit, while on account of the manure being robbed of its fertilizing elements, the land on which it is afterwards spread is but little benefited. The time to haul out manure is as soon as it is made. The time to distribute it is as soon as leaves out and if there is any chance of snow for the performance of these important duties, winter is best. The theory that manure should ripen before being distributed has long since been exploded. To allow the manure heap to stand and decompose in the open air is a wilful waste of much of its valuable qualities.

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During 1902 there has been apportioned from the general school fund to the districts amounts \$2400, nearly \$200 per scholar. This with the districts special levies and licenses has furnished nearly enough money to keep schools running and most of the districts out of debt.

When we look back twenty years and reflect that there was only one school in the county, we feel San Juan county is making material gain in her schools, as well as otherwise. One new brick school house has been built in this season and two other districts are preparing to build.

## The President Not Particularly Favorable.

Delegate B. S. Rodey, of New Mexico, headed a delegation of prominent men of the territory, who called upon the president last Saturday to urge him to use his influence to secure the passage through the senate of the omnibus statehood bill. Members of the delegation presented strong arguments in support of their request. The president frankly informed the delegation that he was not particularly favorable to the Republicans ought to keep out Oklahoma if they are determined to keep out the other two.

"To admit Oklahoma alone would have the look of a very discreditable partnership, for, of the three, Oklahoma is believed to be the most likely to maintain a Republican supremacy, and elect Republicans to the United States senate. New Mexico has waited for statehood for fifty years, and Oklahoma ought to be able to wait, while longer, in view of the fact that its territorial life has not exceeded much over a decade."

## Wanted Statehood.

At the meeting of the Trans-Mississippi congress, composed of the states and territories west of the Mississippi river, held at St. Paul, Minn., August 19-22, 1902. Among other matters, the resolutions on statehood for the Territories were as follows:

Resolved: That the fundamental American principle of self-government, as well as every consideration of justice and equity, requires the immediate admission to the union of the Territory of New Mexico, which fully possesses the popular character, resources and financial ability necessary to qualify it for statehood.

Resolved: That we earnestly request the Senate of the United States to take into account the interest of the great farms' home. His has a spacious dwelling and other buildings. His back yard is as fine as his front lawn and either would vie with any city lawn. He has a place for everything and every thing in its place, the water system is just right and he is used to enjoy life. I can see no reason why others, more opulent than he, can not enjoy the same thing. They could if they would. One of his neighbors told me he was putting on too much style for a farmer and I told him he was doing the very thing he ought to do.

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Some of the dispatches indicate that England and Germany may test the Monroe doctrine, in the present Venezuelan collection scrap. There is no reason to fear the results if Dewey can get out of reach of the sabres—the Monroe doctrine will hold good.

## Hospital For Treatment of crippled Children.

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Xmas comes but once a year. You ought to remember a token of some kind is always appreciated by father, mother, brother or sister and some times the Sweet Heart don't object.

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